

PETROLEUM RELEASE REMEDIAL ACTION FEE

The petroleum release remedial action fee is imposed upon the importer, refiner, or distributor who first sells, offers for sale, or uses petroleum in Nebraska. The fee is three-tenths of one cent (.003) per gallon on motor vehicle fuels such as gasoline and gasohol and one-tenth of one cent (.001) on all other petroleum products.

Revenue from the fee is placed in the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund. If the unobligated balance of the fund falls below \$2 million, an additional fee of three-tenths of one cent per gallon on motor vehicle fuels and one-tenth of one cent per gallon on all other petroleum products will be collected until the cash balance of the fund reaches \$4 million. If the unobligated balance of the fund reaches \$5 million, the Department of Revenue will stop collecting the fee until the unobligated fund balance falls below \$3 million. (Currently, the fee is six-tenths of one cent (.006) per gallon on gasoline and two-tenths of one cent (.002) per gallon on all other petroleum products.)

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Month	Gallons Subject to the Fee		1998	1997	1998
	Motor Vehicle Fuels	Other Petroleum Products	Total Gallons	Total Gallons	Total Fee
January	65,505,450	76,071,579	141,577,029	121,899,597	\$545,176
February	57,701,094	66,525,479	124,226,573	111,392,249	479,257
March	64,587,058	70,063,490	134,650,548	140,610,364	527,635
April	70,711,463	82,122,858	152,834,321	137,755,708	588,515
May	75,049,007	81,222,623	156,271,630	155,510,429	612,739
June	76,986,325	87,194,833	164,181,158	148,995,491	636,308
July	79,807,019	93,270,845	173,077,864	176,650,709	998,076
August	76,113,795	85,026,031	161,139,826	158,216,920	940,102
September ...	75,223,689	90,429,906	165,653,595	139,625,975	948,303
October	73,490,489	88,386,402	161,876,891	160,428,883	926,574
November	67,423,831	77,331,729	144,755,560	133,026,406	838,810
December	75,139,887	81,687,260	156,827,147	139,441,178	921,321
Total	857,739,107	979,333,035	1,837,072,142	1,723,553,909	\$8,962,816

Effective July 1, 1998 the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Fee increased to 0.9 cents per gallon on gasoline and gasohol and 0.3 cents per gallon on other petroleum products.

MOTOR FUELS TAX RATES

For 1998 the motor fuels tax rates are as follows: January 1 through March 31, 24.6 cents; April 1 through June 30, 22.8 cents.

LB 1161, 1998 Legislative Session, effective July 1, 1998, motor fuels tax rates will be set semiannually. July 1 through December 31, the rate is 23.5 cents.

The tax rate consists of a fixed portion of 12.5 cents per gallon and a variable rate which is set semiannually. The variable portion of the rate is determined by multiplying the average statewide cost of motor fuels purchased by the State of Nebraska by the variable excise tax percent rate which is set by the State Tax Board.

The semiannually motor fuels tax rate applies to the motor vehicle fuels, diesel fuel, and interstate motor carrier's tax programs.

Two cents of the fixed portion of the motor fuels tax rate is credited to the Highway Allocation Fund. The remaining 10.5 cents of the fixed portion is credited to the Highway Trust Fund. Revenue generated by the variable portion of the tax rate is credited to Highway Cash Fund. Motor fuels tax revenue credited to the Highway Trust Fund is combined with other sources of highway user revenue and distributed to the Highway Cash Fund (53 1/3 percent) and the Highway Allocation Fund (46 2/3 percent). Highway Allocation Fund revenue is distributed 50 percent to cities and 50 percent to counties.

CHRONOLOGY OF MOTOR FUELS TAX RATES

Effective Date	Aircraft Fuel		Petroleum Release Fee		Gasohol ¢/Gallon	Motor Fuel & Diesel Fuel ¢/Gallon	Variable Percent	Excise Tax ¢/Gallon	Total Tax	
	Gas ¢/Gall.	Jet ¢/Gall.	M.V. Fuels ¢/Gallon	Other Prod. ¢/Gallon					Gasohol ¢/Gallon	M.F. & D.F. ¢/Gallon
Jan. 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	10.4	5.7	15.2	18.2
April 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	10.4	6.0	15.5	18.5
July 1, 1989	5	3	—	—	9.5	12.5	12.9	9.8	19.3	22.3
Oct. 1, 1989	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	9.5	19.0	22.0
Dec. 1, 1989	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	9.5	19.0	22.0
April 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	14.2	10.3	19.8	22.8
July 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	9.5	12.5	13.8	9.4	18.9	21.9
July 10, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	9.4	19.9	21.9
Oct. 1, 1990	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	8.9	19.4	21.4
Jan. 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	14.0	24.5	26.5
April 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	13.8	11.4	21.9	23.9
July 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	11.2	21.7	23.7
Oct. 1, 1991	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	10.9	21.4	23.4
Jan. 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	11.3	21.8	23.8
April 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	15.4	9.2	19.7	21.7
July 1, 1992	5	3	0.003	0.001	10.5	12.5	16.4	11.1	21.6	23.6
Oct. 1, 1992	5	3	0.006	0.002	10.5	12.5	16.4	11.5	22.0	24.0
Jan. 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.4	12.1	24.6	24.6
April 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.4	10.2	22.7	22.7
July 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	15.6	11.8	24.3	24.3
Oct. 1, 1993	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	11.3	23.8	23.8
Jan. 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	13.5	26.0	26.0
April 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.6	10.9	23.4	23.4
July 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.4	23.9	23.9
Oct. 1, 1994	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	12.3	24.8	24.8
Jan. 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.7	24.2	24.2
April 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	17.2	11.5	24.0	24.0
June 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	13.2	25.7	25.7
Oct. 1, 1995	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	12.3	24.8	24.8
Jan. 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	12.6	25.1	25.1
April 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	18.7	13.2	25.7	25.7
July 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.6	13.9	26.4	26.4
Oct. 1, 1996	5	3	0.006	0.002	12.5	12.5	16.6	12.8	25.3	25.3
Jan. 1, 1997	5	3			12.5	12.5	14.5	12.8	25.3	25.3
April 1, 1997	5	3			12.5	12.5	14.5	12.4	24.9	24.9
July 1, 1997	5	3			12.5	12.5	16.2	12.3	24.8	24.8
Oct. 1, 1997	5	3			12.5	12.5	16.2	12.0	24.5	24.5
Jan. 1, 1998	5	3			12.5	12.5	16.2	12.1	24.6	24.6
April 1, 1998	5	3			12.5	12.5	16.2	10.3	22.8	22.8
July 1, 1998	5	3			12.5	12.5	18.3	11.0	23.5	23.5